

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of June 2, 2005, are earnestly solicited.

Claims 2—9 have been subjected to a restriction requirement between two groups. Group I includes Claims 2 and 4—9, while Group II includes Claim 3. Applicant hereby elects Claims 2 and 4—9 of Group I, with traverse.

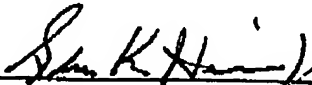
The Examiner has characterized Claims 2 and 4—9 as an alloy classified in class 420, subclass 407+, i.e. an alloy having a magnesium base and containing aluminum. It would therefore seem proper to classify Claim 3 in the same subclass, since Claim 3 also sets forth an alloy with a magnesium base and containing aluminum. Furthermore, these claims have been presented for examination in the present case and in this RCE, with a restriction requirement never brought up before.

Still further, as supported by Paragraphs 33 and 34 of Applicant's specification, new Claim 10 is presented calling for both tin and REM. As such, Claim 10 is a linking claim for Groups I and II. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Claim 10, as added herein and Claims 2—9, as previously presented are believed to be in condition for allowance, early acknowledgment of which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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